

Please amend the Abstract at page 27, lines 1-12, as follows:

ABSTRACT

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~~The present invention concerns a~~ A method for driving a display panel, in which a ~~that provided a display by a gaseous discharge~~ A ~~false gaseous~~ discharge of a display cell is prevented ~~which occurs when~~ via an initialization sequence ~~voltage~~ containing a reset pulse is applied to a common electrode of a display cell and an initialization pulse. Stable initialization is achieved by ~~using, as a~~ applying the initialization pulse to be applied to the common electrode after the reset pulse[[, a]]. The initialization pulse [[that]] rises up in one step[[, or]]. Alternatively, the initialization pulse is a complex pulse ~~whose~~ having second-step pulse that rises up within 1  $\mu$ s after the rise up rise of its first-step pulse. A stabilization sequence [[is]] can be inserted between [[an]] the initialization sequence and a discharge maintenance sequence.